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Letter dated 10 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a statement issued on 7 May 1993 by the Ministry of External Affairs of India on Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 143, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. H. ANSARI
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement issued on 7 May 1993 by the Ministry of External Affairs of India on Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Government of India is deeply distressed at the negative reaction of the Bosnian Serb Assembly to the Vance-Owen peace plan, which had been endorsed by the United Nations and agreed to by the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, at the recent conference on Bosnia and Herzegovina at Athens. The Government urges the Bosnian Serbs to give up their recalcitrant and obstreperous attitude towards the peace proposals and to bring an end to the sufferings caused to all communities by the ethnic and religious tensions generated by violent conflicts in different parts of former Yugoslavia. While urging all countries to exercise restraint and to avoid dangerous escalations, India objects to the grave provocations against the consensus of the international community by Bosnian Serbs. India stresses that the acceptance of the United Nations peace plan, which is the only basis presently available for a political solution to the present crisis, should be accepted by all concerned to ensure cessation of hostilities and forward movement towards establishing peace.